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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61K35/74

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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1. claims: 1, 9 (completely); 4-8, 10-13 and 15 (partially)

Use of microbial lipids for preparing an oral therapeutic composition for reducing plasma cholesterol or the ratio of LDL/HDL in an animal. Medicament containing microbial lipids.

2. claims: 2 (completely); 4-8, 10-13, 15 (partially)

Use of microbial lipids for preparing an oral therapeutic composition for increasing plasma DHA (docosahexaenoic acid) in an animal. Medicament containing microbial lipids.

3. claims: 3 (completely); 4-8, 10-13 and 15 (partially)

Use of microbial lipids for preparing an oral therapeutic composition for use as immuno-protectant in an animal. Medicament containing microbial lipids.

4. claim: claims 14 (completely); 12 and 15 (partially)

Foodstuff containing microbial lipid.

5. claims: claims 16-17

Food product harvested from an animal fed with a microbial lipid

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